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FM HENRY A. KISSINGER  
TO SAIGON, AMBASSADOR BUNKER

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2. I COMPARED OUR POSITIONS WITH THEIRS ON GENERAL APPROACH TO A SETTLEMENT, SUBSTANTIVE POINTS EXCEPT THE POLITICAL ISSUE, AND PROCEDURAL POINTS. I STAYED COMPLETELY AWAY FROM POLITICAL QUESTIONS SAYING I WAS GOING ON TO SAIGON TO REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS- THUS MAKING POINT WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THIEU.

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3. THEY SAID NOTHING NEW, MERELY REVIEWING THEIR POSITIONS. THEY ARE CLEARLY WAITING FOR SEPTEMBER PUBLIC OPINION POLL.

4. PLEASE INFORM THIEU OF ABOVE. WILL GIVE YOU AND HIM FULL RUNDOWN WHEN I SEE YOU.

WARM REGARDS.

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August 14, 1972

TO: SAIGON, AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *W*

1. We held seven and a half hour meeting with North Vietnamese that was essentially point by point review of where we stood and produced no new developments.

2. I compared our positions with theirs on general approach to a settlement, substantive points except the political issue, and procedural points. I stayed completely away from political questions saying I was going on to Saigon to review negotiations - thus making point we are working closely with Thieu.

3. They said nothing new, merely reviewing their positions. They are clearly waiting for September public opinion poll.

4. Please inform Thieu of above. Will give you and him full rundown when I see you.

Warm regards.'

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